

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on March 4, 2008, and the Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, which have been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-9, 14, 18-19 22 and 24 are allowed and that claims 11-13, 16-17, 23 and 25 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In addition, claims 10, 15 and 20-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,554,247 (Ten Kate). Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1-9, 14, 18-19 22 and 24 are allowed and that claims 11-13, 16-17, 23 and 25 contain allowable subject matter. However, Applicant has not rewritten these claims in independent form, since it is believed that independent claims 10 and 20, as well as claims 15 and 21, are allowable over Ten Kate for at least the following

reasons.

Ten Kate discloses in FIG 1b a receiver for receiving and decoding compressed signals, as recited on column 11, lines 35-36. The compressed signals are received by a demultiplexer 41. As shown in FIG. 1b and specifically recited on column 11, lines 38-40, the demultiplexer 41 "splits the information in the serial datastream into the original quantized samples" of signal R_c, L_c, and L-, R- or C-signals. (Emphasis Added)

As clearly shown in FIG. 1b, and recited on column 11, lines 49-50 of Ten Kate, the individual compressed signal R_c, L_c, and L-, R- or C-signals are provided to expansion means (dequantizers DEQ) 48, 49 and 50.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 10, and similarly recited in independent claim 20, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

data expansion means being adapted to data expand the data compressed composite information signal.

Expanding a compressed composite information signal is nowhere taught or suggested in Ten Kate. Rather, Ten Kate discloses

expanding compressed individual signals, not a composite information signal.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 10 and 20 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 15 and 21 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 10 and 20 as well as their individually patentable elements. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

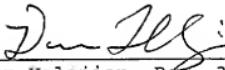
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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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